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A Special Environmental Education Symposium Update

REGISTRATION OPEN, SHORT COURSE INFORMATION RELEASED

The Louisiana Environmental Education Commission is pleased to announce that registration is officially open for the 2014 Environmental Education Symposium in Shreveport on February 21 and 22 of next year.

Emphasis will be placed on the concepts of watersheds, preserving water quality, and managing land to reduce impact on our aquatic resources. The theme for this upcoming conference, therefore, is "**Watersheds: From My Back Yard to the Ocean.**"

The event is presented by the [Louisiana Environmental Education Commission](#), the [Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries](#), and the [Louisiana Environmental Education Association](#), sharing the goal of creating a comprehensive and balanced environmental education initiative that results in a literate citizenry who will make informed decisions to effectively solve existing problems, prevent new ones and maintain a sustainable environment for future generations.

Draft Agenda

Friday, February 21, 2014	
8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Short Course Activities (Course times may vary.)
5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Registration
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Social/Mixer Meet the Exhibitors
Saturday, February 22, 2014	
7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.	Registration/Continental Breakfast
7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.	LA Environmental Education Association Meeting
8:00 a.m.-9:55 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions
9:55 a.m.-10:20 a.m.	Exhibitor Showcase/Refreshments
10:20 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
12:15 p.m.	Lunch/Keynote/Grand Door Prize

Hotel Information

Shreveport Hilton

104 Market St.
Shreveport, LA 71101
1-800-HILTONS

Room Rate is \$77 plus tax per night for single or double occupancy. Contact the hotel directly and use group code "DFW" to receive the conference rate or follow [this link](#) to register online. The deadline for conference rate reservations is February 7, 2014. Reservations made after this date are subject to current hotel rate.

Short Courses

From A to Chimpanzee WORKSHOP & TOUR **Grade Levels: General (K-12)**

Presenters: Andrea Falcetto, Education Specialist, Chimp Haven

Amy Fultz, Director of Behavior, Research, & Education, Chimp Haven

Chimp Haven in Keithville; VAN leaves from Shreveport Hilton lobby at 8:00 a.m.

Visit the National Chimpanzee Sanctuary & learn about the residents that call our Louisiana forests home. During this short course you will tour the facility & learn about chimpanzee diet & behaviors. We will also discuss threats to wild chimpanzee populations & play conservation games which emphasize these threats and possible solutions.

Bayou Pierre Watershed TOUR **Grade Levels: General (K-12)**

Presenters: Jon Soul, Outdoor Education Coordinator, Montessori School for Shreveport

Harvey Kennedy, Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society

VAN leaves from Shreveport Hilton lobby at 8:00 a.m.

Experience firsthand the transition of a historic waterway from an inner-city "drainage ditch" to a scenic bayou. With its headwaters located in Shreveport, Bayou Pierre is a classic study of how waterways located within & downstream from large urban watersheds fare. Visit 3 distinctly different sections of the bayou & finish by canoe. Some canoeing experience is recommended. Dress for the weather (& bring an extra change of clothes).

Conservation Education Combo: WET, Wild, & PLT WORKSHOP

Presenters: Stacy Gray, Park Naturalist, Walter B. Jacobs **Grade Levels: General (K-12)**

Ricky Kilpatrick, NW LA Area Forestry Agent, LSU Ag Center

Cindy Kilpatrick, Coordinator, LA Project Learning Tree (PLT)

Meet at Walter B. Jacobs Memorial Nature Park in Shreveport at 8:00 a.m.

PLT, Project WILD & Project WET are globally-renowned cornerstone conservation & environmental education programs designed to supplement existing curriculum to create fun, engaging, & powerful learning experiences. K-12 educators of all disciplines can use these resources to meet classroom objectives, & promote awareness, appreciation, knowledge & stewardship of natural resources.

Participants will receive a Project WET guide, Project WILD guide, & Project Learning Tree guide!

The Bear Necessities WORKSHOP **Grade Levels: 5-12**

Presenters: Carrie Salyers, Education Outreach Coordinator, LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries

Maria Davidson, Large Carnivore Program Manager, LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries

Meet at Cypress Black Bayou Nature Center near Benton at 8:00 a.m.

Discover the secrets of our elusive state mammal - the Louisiana black bear. Learn about bear habitat & the challenges bears face from the biologists themselves. Receive training & binder of GLE correlated lesson activities for the classroom, thumb drive, & many other goodies. Educators get a \$50 stipend upon proof of lesson implementation in the classroom.

Learning with Nature WORKSHOP **Grade Levels: General (K-12)**

Presenters: Terri Jacobson, Wildlife Biologist, Refuge Ranger, & Interpretive Guide, Red River NWR

Chauntal Stricklan, Refuge Volunteer & Certified Interpretive Guide

Red River National Wildlife Refuge, VAN leaves from Shreveport Hilton lobby at 7:30 a.m.

Discover Nature! We will explore nature at the Refuge using three different interactive learning models & proven environmental education techniques. Whether you teach language arts or science or just want to reconnect with nature, this hands-on, fun workshop is for you. Participants will practice nature journaling, receive a jeweler's loupe, lesson plans, & door prizes. We'll spend a portion of the day outdoors so dress accordingly & wear comfortable, closed toe shoes.

Registration

Find the registration form linked below or [click here](#) to download.

Visit the symposium website at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/louisiana-environmental-education-symposium>.

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